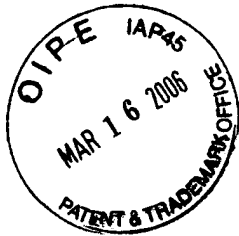


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In reply to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the claimed invention in view of the following remarks.

**Remarks** start on page 2 of this paper.